MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION 2003

By: Senator(s) Dickerson
To: County Affairs

SENATE BILL NO. 2853

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ANY SHERIFF OR HIS DESIGNEE TO USE COUNTY
PRISON LABOR TO PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN CERTAIN CEMETERIES; AND FOR
RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. (1) Any sheriff or his designee may use any
person who has been convicted of a nonviolent felony and who is
serving all or any part of his sentence in the county jail to
clear, clean, stabilize, preserve, maintain and restore historic
cemeteries in the county. For purposes of this section the term
"historic cemeteries" means cemeteries that are at least fifty
(50) years old.

(2) Before undertaking work on a cemetery, the sheriff or
his designee shall contact the Department of Archives and History
to obtain information on appropriate procedures for the
preservation and restoration of a historical cemetery.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after its passage.